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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection mailed October 22, 2003, in which claims 21-25, 31 and 32 were rejected. Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$330.00 which includes the fee for a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

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